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SUBJ: CODEL FASCELL

REF: STATE 249525

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES CODEL VISIT AND HAS FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS
TO OFFER RE SCHEDULE:

(A) THURSDAY, JANUARY 17 -- WELCOME AND EMBASSY BRIEFING.

(B) FRIDAY, JANUARY 18 -- AUTO TRIP TO VISIT TEXACO REFINERY
AT POINTE-A-PIERRE (ONE HOUR EACH WAY); MEETING WITH TEXACO
OFFICIALS.

(C) SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 -- HELICOPTER TRIP TO VISIT OFFSHORE
PLATFORM PRODUCING CRUDE FOR AMOCO (STANDARD OF INDIANA);
BRIEFING BY AMOCO OFFICIALS.

(D) TIMES YET TO BE DETERMINED: MEETINGS WITH GOTT OFFICIALS.

(E) CHARGE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HOST WORKING LUNCH IF TIME PERMITS
ON FRIDAY, OR MORE CASUAL EVENING AFFAIR. WOULD APPRECIATE WISHES
OF CODEL.

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2. EMBASSY PROPOSES TO SEEK APPOINTMENT FOR CODEL WITH PRIME

MINISTER WILLIAMS, UNLESS CODEL DESIRES OTHERWISE--PLEASE ADVISE.
THE PRIME MINISTER IS THE KEY FIGURE IN PETROLEUM POLICY
FORMULATION IN TRINIDAD. WE WILL ALSO REQUEST APPOINTMENTS
WITH FRANCIS PREVATT, MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND MINES, AND
POSSIBLY ONE OR TWO OTHERS.

3. EMBASSY WIVES WILL BE PLEASED TO ASSIST MRS. FASCELL WITH
SHOPPING TOURS AND SMALL TRIPS TO LOCAL POINTS OF INTEREST.

4. AN OPTION TO THE ABOVE SCHEDULE WOULD BE A ONE-DAY TRIP
TO NEARBY ISLAND OF TOBAGO, WHICH OFFERS MORE
LUXURIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS AND SIGHTSEEING CHOICES THAN DOES
PORT OF SPAIN. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF ALL OR SOME MEMBERS OF
CODEL WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SUCH AN EXCURSION.

5. EMBASSY RETRETS IT DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT AUTOMOBILES TO
HANDLE THIS SIZE DELEGATION; REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO US 19FT510
FUNDS TO HIRE TWO CARS AND DRIVERS FOR FOUR DAYS AND PAY OVERTIME
TO EMBASSY DRIVERS, TOTAL COST OF ABOUT \$300.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S AND CODEL'S ADVICE RE PRESS
TREATMENT OF THIS VISIT. OUR INCLINATION IS THAT IT SHOULD BE
MINIMIZED, IN ORDER TO AVOID SPECULATION RE GOTT'S PETROLEUM
POLICY AT TIME OF CRITICAL ENERGY SHORTAGE. DEPARTMENTAL GUIDANCE
REQUESTED.

7. ONCE CODEL'S WISHES RE APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER ARE KNOWN,
WE WILL SUBMIT TENTATIVE DETAILED SCHEDULE. WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING ASAP EXACT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES, ALONG WITH
ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, AND ANY INDICATION
THAT ADDITIONAL CONGRESSMEN OR STAFF MEMBERS WILL
JOIN CODEL.

8. CONTROL OFFICER IS ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER
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